4283 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th May, 1997 and state:

(a) the response received to India's suggestion in the NAM Ministerial Conference held in New Delhi, to upgrade military might by the Third World; and

(b) the outcome of sittings in regard to proposed UN reform to secure voice for the 113 members of the Movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) No Such suggestion was made by India at the XIIth NAM Ministerial Conference at New Delhi.

(b) The Foreign Ministers adopted a Declaration on the expansion of the Security Council which opposed partial or selective expansion of the Security Council to the detriment of developing countries. They also called for under-representation of NAM countries to be corrected by enlargement of the Secrurity Council. The UN reforms are under discussion in the United Nations. The NAM foreign Ministers will review developments on the issue of security Council reforms at their next annual meeting in September 1997 during the 52nd session of the UN General Assembly in New York.

Indians Arrested by Myanmar Army

951. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2618 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1997 and state:

(a) whether Shri Sarangthem Yaima, alias Gandhi Singh, an inhabitant of Manipur who had been arrested by the Myanmar Army in Tumu side of Myanmar, is still alive;

(b) the number of Indians still in the Myanmar jails;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to save their lives; and

(d) the number of persons arrested by the Myanmar army from the Manipur border recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) On receipt of information in October 1996 that one Shri Chabungban Salang, bearing the alias "Gandhi Singh", along with one Shri Zukhamo alias Khyaothungo had been arrested by Myanmar authorities and lodged in the Mandalay Jail, the Embassy of India in Yangon had sought consular access to them. However, the Myanmar authorities have conveyed that no such persons were lodged in Mandalay jail. More concrete information on these two Indian nationals had since been conveyed to Myanmar authorities, most recently in June, 1997. Government have no information on any other person bearing the same alias who is under detention in Myanmar.

(b) 55 Indian citizens are presently detained in Myanmar jails. Consular access to all Indian detainees has been sought by our Embassy in Yangoon Myanmar.

(c) Government are in regular touch with concerned authorities in Myanmar on the issue of Indian nationals under detention in Mytanmar jails.

(d) No reports have been received of persons arrested by the Myanmar Army from the Manipur border recently.

US Warning against deployment of Missiles by India

952. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have deployed medium range ballistic missiles near Indo-Pak border and that US Government has warned against their deployment; and

(b) if so, what is the factual position?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Government have issued a press statement in this regard on 14 June, 1997 categorically stating that Prithvi missiles have not been deployed.